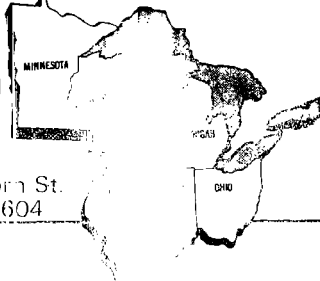


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EPA CITES CHEMETCO FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE VIOLATIONS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region V today announced the filing of a civil administrative complaint against Chemetco, Inc., Route 3 and Oldenburg Rd., Hartford, IL.

The complaint against Chemetco proposes a penalty of \$86,300 and charges that the facility has violated Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulations regarding the management of hazardous waste.

The company has failed to meet specific RCRA requirements relating to ground-water monitoring, financial liability, closure and post-closure plans, contingency plans, and general operating requirements.

Chemetco has the right to request that EPA hold a settlement conference and a hearing to discuss the charges. The company must make such a request by January 30, 1986.

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W. Charles Grace, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today, that on January 11, 2000, defendant **CHEMETCO, INC.**, a Delaware corporation doing business in Madison County near Hartford, Illinois, was found guilty of the four felony charges in a Federal Grand Jury Indictment for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois in East St. Louis. The Indictment charges the defendants with conspiring, from 1986 through September 18, 1996, to violate the Clean Water Act by discharging pollutants, including lead, cadmium and zinc, through a secret pipe into Long Lake and its adjacent wetlands. The Indictment also charges defendants with violating the Clean Water Act by the same conduct. Chemetco pled guilty to the crimes of conspiracy and violation of the Clean Water Act. Finally, **CHEMETCO** is charged with two counts of making materially false statements to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and, in one count, to the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Over the objection of the United States, Chemetco was permitted to plead "nolo contendere" to the false statement counts.

Also announced today, on Friday, January 7, 2000, defendant **GARY L. REED**, age 56, of Collinsville, Illinois, pled guilty to a felony charge from the Indictment. The Indictment charges the defendant with conspiring, from 1986 through September 18, 1996, to violate the Clean Water Act by discharging pollutants, including lead, cadmium and zinc, through a secret pipe into Long Lake and its adjacent wetlands.

CHEMETCO, INC. operates a secondary copper smelter near Hartford, Illinois. The Indictment charges that, in or about September 1986, **CHEMETCO's** President, **DENIS FERON** directed **IRA CAMPBELL**, the Superintendent of Maintenance, to use employees from **CAMPBELL's** own shop business called Industrial Fabrication and Repair, Inc. ("IFAB") to install the secret discharge pipe connected to the recently installed storm water run-off control system and draining into a ditch tributary to Long Lake. The Indictment charges that **CHEMETCO**, acting through its managers named in the Indictment and others, continued to discharge pollutants into Long Lake from the secret pipe until its discovery by inspectors of the

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Environmental Protection Agency
on the morning of September 18, 1996.

The maximum sentences for the charged violations are:

Count 1 - Conspiracy to Violate the Clean Water Act:

- (a) imprisonment for not more than five (5) years;
- (b) individual fine of not more than \$250,000; and,
- (c) corporate fine of not more than \$500,000.

Count 2 - Violation of Clean Water Act:

- (a) imprisonment for not more than three (3) years;
- (b) individual fine of not more than \$250,000; and,
- (c) corporate fine of not more than \$500,000.

Counts 3 and 4 - False Statements:

- (a) imprisonment for not more than five (5) years;
- (b) individual fine of not more than \$250,000; and,
- (c) corporate fine of not more than \$500,000.

The maximum fine can increase if one of the following totals is higher:

- (1) \$50,000 per day of violation; or
- (2) twice the difference between Defendant's gain and loss due to the offense, if applicable.

On March 24, 1999, **IRA SIDNEY CAMPBELL**, age 57, of Brighton, Illinois, a member of the charged conspiracy, pled guilty to the same offense. On October 8, 1999, **CAMPBELL** was sentenced to one-year probation, nine-months home detention, and a fine of \$2,000.

Last Thursday, January 6, 2000, defendants **GEORGE J. BOUD, JR.**, age 55, of East Alton, Illinois; **KEVIN A. YOUNGMAN**, age 43, of Highland, Illinois; and **BRUCE W. HENDRICKSON**, age 46, of Granite City, Illinois, pled guilty to multiple felony charges of conspiracy and also with violating the Clean Water Act by the same conduct.

YOUNGMAN and **HENDRICKSON** are scheduled to be sentenced on April 7, 2000. **BOUD** and **REED** are scheduled to be sentenced on April 18, 2000. **CHEMETCO** is scheduled for a sentencing hearing on March 13, 2000.

Assistant United States Attorneys Michael Quinley and Liam Coonan are handling the prosecution of the case. Special Agents of the Illinois State Police (Special Agent Ron Snoke), Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Army CID - Major Fraud Unit, United States Environmental Protection Agency and United States Department of Transportation investigated the case. The case was investigated under the auspices of the Environmental Task Force for the Southern District of Illinois.



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PUBLIC NOTICE **Chemetco, Inc.**

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby gives notice of intent to issue a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Remedial Action Plan (RAP) permit to Chemetco, Inc. for the temporary treatment of hazardous remediation wastes generated during soil removal activities at the facility's zinc oxide release area discovered in 1996. Chemetco is performing remedial activities at this site under an Illinois EPA-approved site closure plan. The proposed RAP permit governs on-site chemical treatment of the wastes to stabilize the hazardous metals, preventing them from dissolving and moving out of the waste. This process renders the wastes non-hazardous; the stabilized wastes will then be disposed off-site at a permitted non-hazardous, special waste landfill. The RAP permit will expire no later than six months after the permit becomes effective. Chemetco's address is 3754 Chemetco Lane, Hartford, IL 62048.

Interested citizens are invited to review copies of the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) permit application and draft permit decision at the **Hartford Public Library at 143 W. Hawthorne St.**

Interested citizens may submit written comments on the permit decision documents during the 45-day comment period. Send all comments to the Public Involvement Coordinator listed at the end of this Notice postmarked by midnight August 21, 2000. In response to public requests or at the discretion of the Illinois EPA, a public hearing can be held to clarify one or more issues concerning the draft permit decision. A request for a public hearing must be made in writing, must express opposition to the draft permit, and must state the nature of the issue(s) to be raised at the hearing. If a public hearing is held, testimony will be limited to issues concerning the draft RAP permit only. Written requests should be sent to the Public Involvement Coordinator listed below. Public notice will be issued at least 45 days before any hearing.

All comments submitted will become part of the Administrative Record and will be evaluated

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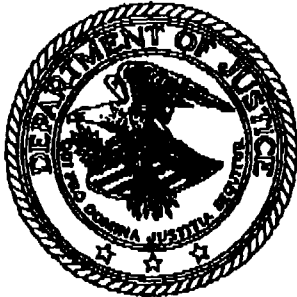
~~by Illinois EPA in making the final permit decision.~~ The Agency will respond to comments on the draft permit decision, and indicate whether additional documents have been included in the Administrative Record. Anyone who submits written comments will be notified of the final permit decision.

The Remedial Action Plan permit application, draft permit decision, related information and all data submitted by the applicant, as part of the Administrative Record, are now available for public inspection Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Jerry Kuhn, RCRA Unit Manager (Phone: 217-524-3300; TDD: 217-782-9243).

Comments should be sent to:

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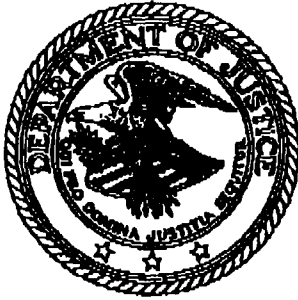
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